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News and Reviews

by Mike Dunn

This will be the first article that I have written with my ST, and also with **Thunder**, the on-line spelling checker by Batteries Included (reviewed last issue). When I arrived home after my trip to England, I found a number of letters inviting me to visit from our members in the area. I am sorry I did not visit those who invited me, but the letters did not arrive until after I had left.

We are still working out the bugs for the bulk mailing; the post-office has just changed all the rules again. Our issues can now be larger, so hopefully the trade off will be worth it. Please let us know if you do have problems. Our BBS has been down for a variety of reasons, including the power line being hit by lighting,

but is back to normal now.

For those of you with 130XE, we now have **TurboBASIC** from Holland thanks to Bob Cook. An article from the Western New York Atari Group explains how to use it. This is the fabulous, very powerful BASIC which uses the extra memory of the XE and is

very fast.

Remember Rita Plukss Australian series of articles on Mandelbrots, fractals, etc? She has sent us much more on fractals in both 8 and 16 bit BASICs as well as LOGO, so starting with this issue, you will learn alot about this fascinating subject and also how the old and new Atari computer BASICs differ.

The Portland Atari User Group and Atari are sponsoring a Northwest Atari Show in October — see article in this issue.

We recieved many programs for review this month, and, as is our custom, they have been given to a variety of members to review. (We like to favor those who help with the newsletter, including especially those who attend our collating parties — ed.) There are a number of new reviewers this issue and I hope you enjoy them. We also welcome reviews on hardware or software you buy.

Abacus (POB 7219, Grand Rapids, MI 49510) has released their new book, **Atari ST LOGO User's Guide**. I have not done much with LOGO in the past, but this book is very good. Filled with short programs illustrating the Keyword explained, it is a lot of fun to see how easily it is to do complex graphic figures. It covers many things beside graphics, such as list processing, procedures, recursion, and other advanced programming concepts. Highly recommended. They also sent us their new wordprocessor,

Textpro, reviewed elsewhere in this issue.

Xlent Software (POB 5228, Springfield, Va 22150) has released their new ST version of one of their most popular programs, Megafont-ST . Xlent is known for their very powerful, but not always easy to use graphic programs. This program is the first very easy to use program from them. Using the usual GEM interface, with pull-down menus, etc., you can use this printer utility with 1st Word, D.E.G.A.S., or ASCII files, and works with Epson, Gemini, and Prowriter type printers. Using your mouse, you can select 8x8 or 8x16 matrix fonts, in small, medium, large or extra large sizes in about 26 different styles. There is also a builtin Font Editor, as well as formatting commands to print the page as you want. You can also mix text with graphics from D.E.G.A.S. For all you fans of Xlent products, you will be amazed how easy it is to do all of the above! Only \$40. Xlent have also announced their new program, Typesetter Elite, which allows a full page layout, what-you-see-is-what-you-get page. It loads D.E.G.A.S. and ASCII files, and includes D.E.G.A.S.-like drawing tools. If it is as easy to use as Megafont-ST above, they will have a real winner in the hot desk-top publishing market and give buyers of the upcoming Paper-Clip Elite a real choice. We will have an extensive review of both if and when we get them.

We have received several very interesting ST demo disks. Print-Technik (Nikolaistrasse 2/368197, 8000 Munich 40 W. Germany) sent a disk of color pictures from their video digitizer, and another disk requiring 1040K of pictures which talk with fabulous digitized sound!. Stone Age Software (POB 1216, Amherst, NH 03031) sent two "PartialWare" programs. These allow you to do most of what the commercial version does, but are somewhat limitied. For many people, these versions will satisfy their needs; the more complete versions cost money. Lewis123 is a spreadsheet for chemistry students, etc., dealing with covalent bonds and organic chemical bonds (\$30) and Encrypt puts your data in code at 1000 bytes for second (\$20). Contact Jim Bumpas for your copy of any of the above.

Magafont-ST print styles

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the new XE/XL 8-bit 64K public domain BASIC from Holland & Germany.

Fully Atari BASEC compatible, includes a competer & full instructions and demos.

Thanks to the Western NY Atari Group- other groups please obtain from them directly.

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BUMPAS REVIEWS

I spent the Labor Day weekend in the San Francisco bay area playing in a Colonial Conquest tournament at the Pacificon game convention. SSI sponsored the event and provided \$180 worth of prize certificates. I helped organize the tournament and won 2d place (I used my certificate to get a copy of **Rails West**. For those of you who don't recall, **Colonial Conquest** is a game of diplomacy for up to 6 players (UK, France, Germany, Japan, U.S., and Russia) during the colonial era.

Even though the graphics on this 8-bit game are blockish and rather crude, amazed on-lookers commented on how much better the game looks than on C-64 or Apple computers. And SSI reports they are making a conversion for the ST machine. The tournament was so successful, I hope to do it again next year. If you want to know more about Pacificon, write them at: Box 5548, San Jose, CA 95150.

While I was there, I also went to SSI's new offices in Mountain View and was given a tour through their R & D department. They've got a C-Amiga and Atari ST side-by-side. C-64s and 8-bit Ataris are also side-by-side. I saw an IBM PCjr. And of course, plenty of Apples. They informed me they've dropped the project of converting their War in the Pacific to the Atari. Two reasons are given: One, the Atari disks don't hold enough data at 90k. The second reason is more general and applies to all software: Atari users don't buy as much software as other computer users. They explain to me that the installed base of Atari computers is twice that of Apple, yet more Apple software is sold than Atari software. The installed base of C-64s is twice the size of Atari, but C-64 users buy more software than is reflected merely by the larger number of machines. SSI intends to continue supporting the 8-bit Ataris, but they're not so eager as once they might have been to convert all their titles to Atari.

If computer users (of any brand) want to insure a continued supply of new and innovative software which is of good quality, then they need to provide a market in which software developers can prosper. If not, the software talent will go to those markets where they can prosper. This is especially critical now for the 8-bit machines. Commodore has tried several times to kill the C-64 line but had to re-start production because of demand. The 16-bit machines threaten to push the 8-bit machines off the market. And it will happen, sooner or later. But it can be later if the software market survives. Apple seems to be taking the route of up-grading their 8-bit line into the 16-bit world. Atari could market a Charlie Andrews-type mega-memory 8-bit machine with nearly the capabilities of 16 bit machines. This kind of activity could extend the life of the 8-bit market. If Apple and Atari had done this 2 years ago, the 16-bit market might have been still-born. But no machine will survive in the market without demand for software.

Of course, our 8-bit Ataris will still do everything they've been doing for the past several years. And we do have some top productivity software — word processors, file managers, spreadsheets. And games. But the new software will do all these things better and more enjoyably. Some of that software will be for the 8-bit market if there is a demand.

FLASH

Antic has released an updated version of their excellent terminal program, **FLASH**. This new version corrects some of the problems experienced with the VT100 emulation and adds some new features. You can now CTRL-W to "wipe" the capture buffer from the terminal keyboard. You can also set the baud rates for the remote systems to which you connect right on your dialing directory. In this way, the baud rate for the system you call is automatically set upon dialing the phone. Flash also supports the hi-res mode by offering the option of a 48-line display.

The VT100 emulation is the nicest thing (for me) since sliced bread. I've quit using PC Intercomm in favor of Flash. I have a 1-meg 520 ST running as a smart terminal on an Alpha-Micro 1072 (which only had 894k RAM when I started working here). With Flash, I can run at 19,200 bps which is faster than the 15 dumb terminals on the system (they're at 9600 bps). With PC Intercomm, I could only run at 9600 bps, too. Its screen handling was written for the IBM. It doesn't seem to be able to handle the speed of the 68k chip. At 19200 bps, PC Intercomm dissolves the screen into unreadable garbage. **FLASH** literally "splashes" the screen on the CRT. You can hardly detect cursor movement when it paints a screen. There is only one thing I was able to do with PC Intercomm

which I cannot with Flash. SuperVue, the Alpha Micro word processor, shows on-screen underlining with PC Intercomm. It does not with Flash.

FLASH is the best terminal program I've seen on ANY micro (and I've used SmartComm, Crosstalk XV, PC-Talk, and others on the IBM). At under \$40, it's far and away the best value in modem-land.

GETTYSBURG

Gettysburg: The Turning Point (\$60, SSI) refines the game system introduced with Antietam and simulates what is probably the most important battle in the history of the North American continent. Players can concentrate upon strategy even more than in the Antietam game. The laminate conference map now marks the terrain features which contribute to victory. The hourly status reports now show complete records of activity which contributes to victory: Charts show casualties of infantry, cavalry, guns, officers, etc. A page describes the attitude of corps and division commanders as "confident", "confused", "cautious", etc.

Players of Antietam learned to do a few things which are not possible in real life — or in the **Gettysburg** game. If you can force a unit to retreat in Antietam, and the unit is surrounded by stacks of two friendly units with no empty hexes, the unit will be destroyed just as if it were surrounded by enemy units. In **Gettysburg** this has been changed to permit movement through stacks of friendly units by routed units and units in column. Another thing players used to be able to do is to expend operational points to explore nearby terrain to look for enemy units. If you don't want to move there, you just press the "z" key and the move is erased, regaining all the expended "OP"s. You can still do this, but each time you do, it costs you several OP points.

Other changes include a completely re-vamped command control system. Ammunition is now a finite supply for both small arms and artillery. The map shows dots in the center of each hex for ease in finding ranges. Reinforcements include the option of a variable entry time. Battle-field smoke can reduce visibility so much that units will not see any target to shoot. Units can be ordered to shoot at a hex not currently occupied by a target. They can also be set not to shoot at all. And units can be set not to receive any ammo re-supply (why might one want to do this? If the unit is so small, or of such low morale that it cannot hit anything anyway, why re-supply it?)

Antietam has been a top-selling piece of software for SSI. Gettysburg promises to outsell Antietam. If you enjoy "strategic simulations" as much as I do, you'll want to have this software.

CALENDAR

Calendar (MichTron, \$30) is the best desktop appointment and alarm calendar I've yet seen for a microcomputer. The program runs as an accessory under the GEM system on Atari STs and IBM PC/XT and compatibles.

Windows open into the calendar like boxes inside of boxes from the "Year" screen, to the "Month" screen, to the "Day" screen. You can set entries on the Day screen for every 15 minutes in the entire 24-hour day. An alarm can be set for any entry, and the system time can be set to "chime" every hour. The chimes and alarms will only interrupt a program running under the GEM desktop. For other programs, the dialog boxes will wait until you return to the desktop. There is also a "direct entry" mode with which calendar entries may be inserted without stepping through the calendar windows to the day desired.

If you live past the year 2099, you'll need another program. And while you may insert as many messages or alarms as desired, the program will only retain the most recent 999 entries. The program takes about 50k of RAM. One enhancement I want to see is the ability to set automatic recurrences of the alarms without having to make separate entries (i.e., annual birthdays, or perhaps wedding anniversaries of several persons) and to plot blocks of time when selected persons are available or unavailable will be nice, too. But this program does all it promises and at a reasonable price.

There is a page containing the most intelligent (and accurate) description of the purchaser's rights and the rights of the copyright holder I've ever seen with a piece of software. It makes clear the copy of Calendar is your property when you buy it. You may sell it in its entirety (and you must also include in the sale all backup copies you've made, or you may destroy the backups). You may use your copy on as many computers as you own or have access to, at home or at work. On a single computer, you may permit the program to be used by as many people as have access to that

computer. All this without violating the copyright. Multicomputer systems and Local Area Networks may apply for quantity discounts and site licensing agreements, as they are excluded from the above uses.

We've also received v.1.0 of **Universe II** from Omnitrend. It's a massive game, so we can't have a review before next issue.

TEXTPRO

TextPro (\$50, Abacus), the complete word processor for the Atari ST. Or at least this is the idea you get from the Abacus Software advertisements and the description of the program on the box slipsleeve. Abacus Software, has released a GEM based word processor, written by the Data Becker Group, which could make writing easier for some ST users.

ST TextPro is a totally new program not just a port of some other product. According to the manual, it was written by professional writers, for professional writers. All three authors had used several word processing packages before but none of them measured up in terms of speed and features, hence TextPro was born. So then with this in mind let's take a little tour through the features of this new entry in the ST's growing line of word processors.

There several philosophies to word processing. Under one philosophy, text is displayed exactly the same way as it is printed on the paper, ala 1st Word. Under the second, text is entered and displayed as a continuous stream of characters. The word processor pays no attention to either line or page arrangement. And text is arranged for printing by using format commands. This is the approach the writers of TextPro took.

The first thing you should know about TextPro is it is a copy protected program (please send your letters to Abacus regarding this). You can copy the files to a hard disk, but the original must be in drive A: in order for the program to function properly. Next you will notice TextPro is not just one program, but a collection of programs, there is TEXTPRO.PRG, the word processor; OUTPUT.PRG, a print formatter/mail merge program; CONV.TTP will convert a 1st Word file to a TextPro file; and SPLIT.TTP to take large files and cut them in half.

The next item you must know is you MUST read the manual. TextPro is not a program you can take straight out of the box and use, it has many advanced features and complicated formatting sequences. To help you there are 30 programmable function keys, each capable of holding up to 160 characters. And most all commands have a key combination alternative to the mouse and menus. I will try to focus this review on what features are there instead of how you implement them.

The familiar menu line greets you once you've loaded TextPro and the menu headings are: Desk, File, Edit, Style, and Formats. In the Desk menu you have the usual desk accessories and program info. The info screen shows how much memory you've used and how much you have left. Then the File menu contains load and save commands along with a delete and drive select choices, you can choose any drive from A: to E: or even the RS-232 to receive text from a modem. Here too you have a choice of which type of file you want to save: A DOC file includes all formatting commands, tab settings, header and footer information, etc., a NON-DOC file saves text as a straight ASCII file and a C-SOURCE file which automatically justifies braces ({ or }) and does auto indentation. You may also output the file directly from TextPro to the screen or a printer. Lastly, function key definitions are loaded, saved, and altered from this menu.

The Edit menu has a host of features making this word processor unique among those currently available for the ST. Automatic hyphenation, automatic indexing, automatic table of contents generation (complete with page numbers), a place holding feature to perform merges during printing, along with search and replace functions. You can move to any line of text in your document with the Goto line . . . command, or insert any number of blank lines or page breaks. There are also block copies, moves and erasures. And a sort function for indexed words. All these commands to make writing easier for the professional writer.

The Style menu is similar to the one available in 1st Word, but there are some differences. Many printers allow character spacing other than 10 cpi pica, and TextPro allows 12 cpi and 15 cpi. It will also change the character under the cursor from upper to lowercase and back. One last feature of this menu are the Time and Date functions, so if you have a battery backed up clock (TimeSaver, Logikhron, etc.) the current time or date will be

inserted at the time of printing.

The Formatting options include the ability to indent to the left, or right, used to set off paragraphs. Left, Right, or full justification, and the option of centering text. Tabs can be set anywhere along the line and there are two text entering modes, typeover and insert. Under the formatting commands you can change line spacing, lines per page headers, footers, columns per page, column width, along with top and bottom margins.

There are also several ways to move around in your document, besides the mouse & button, the cursor keys, both alone and in conjunction with the control and alternate keys help speed you through your document. The backspace and delete keys also have similar options.

Now we get to the part where TextPro is set apart from the others, print formatting. The OUTPUT program does all the table of contents printing, index printing, etc. It will print your file on a printer or to a file, or even to a design file to be used with the soon to be released Page Designer to incorporate graphics with your text. And if you own an Epson FX or compatible printer you also have the option of printing your text sideways. You can customize the printer driver to include other printers than the ones included, although this is no easy task. All in all, the program does perform as advertised and may make casual writers become more professional in their writing.

Authors note: There were some minor bugs in the version I received, please test all desk accessories you use with TextPro before you buy this program, as some will not function properly. THUNDER! does not seem to work interactively with TextPro. TextPro will probably be easier to learn for those moving up from ST-Writer as they both use a similar design philosophy and TextPro documents can be directly loaded into ST-Writer with no conversion. Now I'm waiting for Microsoft Write.

- Buddy Hammerton

TEN MILLION SHOTS

There is a new joystick available for the Atari computers, the EPYX 500XJ from EPYX, Inc. of Redwood City, Ca. It will also work on the Atari 2600 and 7800 series as well as (I have to say it) the Commodore computers. This joystick differs from any other I've used in more than one way. The most obvious difference is the shape. It is asymmetrical with a rounded bottom. This joystick is not meant to be placed on a desk or table, instead, it's designed to fit in your hand. The contacts are microswitches which give a very positive feel as well as an audible click. The result is much more precision than with joysticks that use contact switches. Another difference is the warranty that comes with this joystick: Five year, 10 million shots. I'd be willing to keep track of the time but, I'm assuming that EPYX will take your word on the number of shots. Anyway, with a five year warranty, this joystick will probably outlast your computer.

How good is it? The feel is positive, the switches give excellent feedback and I doubt you will ever break the steel shaft on the stick. However, I personally can't use it for more than a few minutes because it feels too big for my hand. My hand starts to ache after any intense playing. I love this stick for precision drawing or pointing but not for high intensity games.

This joystick is designed for right handed users so it may be a problem for some of you. Since comfort is purely subjective, if you're looking for a high quality joystick, you should give this one a try. It's an excellent choice if it is comfortable for you.

- Steve Golden

TIME-SAVER

(UPDATE)

If you've been trying to purchase TIME-SAVER, the battery powered internal clock for the ST, you may have run into some trouble since the distributor, MIND-MINE, has gone out of business. Fortunately, TIME-SAVER is now available directly from the designer, UNILAB, 11721 Roosevelt Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98125.

As we go to press... I just received a notice that MIND MINE is back in business at a new address. MIND MINE COMPUTER CENTER, 1964 130th AVE. N.E., BELLEVUE, WA 98005. For those of you who have MIND-MINE'S 1-Meg upgrade, I hope it continues to work as well as mine, but it is comforting to know MIND MINE is back (just in case). Also, I'm looking forward to more fine Atari products from them.

WALDEN ASSEMBLY

The Alcyon C compiler comes with a 89K+ runtime file containing numerous routines all written in C. C is quite efficient as high level languages go, but it is no match for assembly in either size or speed. If you look at the benchmarks in the back of the July issue, you will see how much difference it makes to have the runtime written in assembly.

If there is enough interest, this will be the first in a series of articles allowing you to replace most or all of the runtime routines which come with the Alcyon C compiler with routines written in assembly. The resulting runtime will be about 1/10th of the size, and take 1/4th of the time to link with your regular programs. They will take up less space in your programs, and run faster.

With a minimum of effort, you can probably change them to work with any C compiler — you could even use the non i/o routines on other 68000 computers. It should also help to familiarize you

with 68000 assembly language.

The first 4 fourtines are string handling functions. The structure of 680000 assembly language makes string handling extremely efficient and easy. The Alcyon C compiler passes arguments on the system stack. The first argument will be in the current stack plus 4 (the first 4 bytes store the return address). The next argument will be at stack plus 6 or 8 depending on whether the first argument is a word or long. A char placed on the stack will still take up 2 bytes in order to keep the stack at an even address. Registers D0-D2, and A0-A2 are "scratch" registers which we can use without saving the old values. The return value if any, is always placed in register D0.

- Ralph Walden

EPICYCLOIDS

OR WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS by Andrew Plukss

EPICYCLOID: The path traced out by a point on the circumference of a secondary circle (the epicyclic circle) which rolls

around a primary circle.

In the days before the price of microchips fell to the levels which made home computing affordable, I used to derive a great deal of pleasure in drawing patterns with a Spirograph set. It was really quite simple — you only had to place a pencil inside one of a number of small holes in a wheel which was then rotated inside (or around) a second fixed wheel thereby generating the pattern. The final shape of your creation was controlled by the relative sizes of these wheels. I could even tolerate the occasional disaster when an almost completed pattern was ruined by a pin holding the main wheel working itself loose at the most inopportune time. The Spirograph was fun and I am sure still provides a great deal of fun

for many people today.

I don't seem to have progressed very far over the years with this simple pleasure except that the Spirograph set has been replaced by more advanced tools, firstly the old reliable, still going strong, Atari 800 and now the more sophisticated 520ST. (The Spirograph has suffered the ravages of time and lies in a dark cupboard at home, sadly missing a few wheels.) One of the problems for me in drawing these Spirograph-type patterns, or to give them their correct term epicycloidal patterns, has been in trying to work out the exact formula to generate a desired shape. The basic formula is not too difficult, being of the form f(x) = f(a) + f(b) + f(c) where each of the terms on the right-hand side of the equation represents a sine or cosine function such as $f(a) = R\sin(Ua) + S\sin(Va) + T\sin(Wa) + \dots$ etc. with the number of terms in the equation increasing with the complexity of the final pattern. The real difficulty lies in working out the values of the constants R,S,T,U,V,W etc. and until last year this provided a headache or two. My problem was solved with the release of a book by Ross Edwards (see illustration) which not only provided 643 examples of possible patterns but also gave the relevant coefficients in the basic formula to generate these designs. If you are interested in this form of screen graphics, then I can thoroughly recommend this book. It is quite fascinating in many ways. Not only do you learn how to apply modern computer methods to generate an infinite number of patterns but also gain some insight into the historical development of epicyloidal pattern generation as a decorative tool. Nineteenth century engravers popularised this art form through geometrical engraving on wood, metal, ivory, and

particularly on glass. An interesting piece of trivia regarding Edwards' book is that although it is firmly aimed at today's home computer user, the most recent book mentioned in the bibliography was published in 1844!

I have included versions for both the 800/130XE and 520ST computers to generate these epicycloidal patterns as well as suggesting a few more avenues to explore. Both programs include screen save routines but a screen retrieval routine is only included in the 520ST version. 800/130XE owners can load saved screens via utilities such as Fader or Fader 2 from Antic magazine. Humpty Dump from Kidstuff Software also has excellent utilities for this purpose with the added bonus of being able to print screens at any stage of their development. Make sure you use the extender .MIC for your saved screens if you anticipate using the Fader programs. The examples accompanying this article were generated on the 520ST, 800/130XE owners will find that these and some of the more involved examples from Edwards' book may require a resolution greater than that possible on their computers. There is really only one way to be sure though - try it! The speed of plotting will decrease markedly with the complexity of the pattern and with a decrease in step size. The running time of this program could be significantly improved by making use of the symmetrical nature of many patterns and the method for this is explained quite clearly by Edwards.

Earlier, I mentioned that epicycloidal patterns can be thought of in terms of a line being traced out by a point on a wheel rotating around a second wheel. The term R represents the radius of the second or fixed wheel, S is the radius of the rotating wheel. R+S thus is the radius of the curve or pattern generated. (Later another wheel and corresponding term T are added, increasing the pattern radius to R+S+T.) N is a factor that influences the final shape of the pattern. As the pattern takes shape you will notice that a series of loops or whorls are drawn around a basically circular shape. If N is positive then the loops are drawn inside the circle, if N is negative then the loops form outside the circle. (The number of loops drawn is equal to N-1 and N+1 respectively.) The input to both programs requires values for NA and NB where N=NA/NBand as in most cases NB=1 you may wonder why not simply use N and enter a fractional value when this is necessary. The reason is that if N is fractional then pattern generation is such that a point on the rolling wheel only returns to its original position after NB rotations and hence the iterative plotting routine must take this into account by increasing the number of iterations appropriately (line 300 in both programs).

A few patterns to try out:

vp's rambling

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Atari is going public and soon they will be selling stock in the company and if you believe in Atari you might think about buying

According to the ads I see in the magazines and newspapers there are some really good buys in software and hardware. This seems to be the time one should think about filling in the blanks on what you need to make your system as perfect and you can.

— Larry Gold

TRAP THE DRAGON

The object is to trap the dragon by moving block walls around. You surround him and keep pushing blocks in until you squeeze him to death. You can't get next to him though. Even one space diagonally and you've had it. Use a joystick in port 1 to move the walls. Pointing without the trigger pressed moves you (the blue square). Pressing the trigger while pointing the stick moves a block if you are next to it. You may find the easiest thing to do is to hold the stick in one direction and continually press and release the trigger. The higher the level of difficulty, the fewer the number of blocks you have to move. Happy dragon hunting!

- Stan Ockers

CORNERMAN

The hour is late, you are all alone, a faint glow fills the room. A thought comes to your mind and you reach over to jot it down on the cardboard used for your note pad. Next, a few quick equations on your calculator, and before you finish, the batteries go dead. Nothing seems to be going your way. Oh well, you can always give a call to the person who said he'd help you out in that time of need, but where did you put that phone book.

Suddenly a knock comes at the door. You ask yourself, 'Who could be at my door at this hour?!'. Slowly creeping to the door, you ask, 'Who is it?'. The answer is John Weaver, and after you open the door he hands you a box, then just as quickly as he

appeared, he disappears.

You examine the box carefully. Noting the name, CORNERMAN, The Ultimate Desktop calculator, note pad, phone book, phone log, a window to DOS, printing utilities, and even a game. These are all rolled up in one neat little package, to be used anytime from the GEM desktop or from any GEM based programs.

Now you know what CORNERMAN can do for you. Instead of writing the usual 'rewrite the docs' review, here are some of the highlights of a recent phone conversation I had with the author,

J. Weaver Jr.

You should all be aware this man is not in this business solely for the money. He has a genuine love of programming, and the programs he writes are things he wants to see. He started by writing software for CoCo's and then moved on to Sanyo MB-555's, and now he has the ST, which he calls, "the greatest personal computer." Many of the items we find in CORNERMAN are things he felt were necessary to make life with his PC more useful.

We also discussed some specifics about CORNERMAN I want to pass on to you. When you read through the manual one thing you will notice, is there is a phone number listing for Factory Programming. Believe it or not, this is a direct line to Mr. Weaver himself, as a matter of fact, no one else in the office is allowed to answer the phone. When he is there, he will take time out from his busy schedule to help you get the most out of CORNERMAN. Make sure though, to call after 2:00 PM eastern time. Or better yet, drop him a line through the mail, either direct to Factory Programming or Michtron. And for modem users, please feel free to join them on the Michtron RoundTable (RT) on the General Electric Network for Information Exchange (GEnie). He and Timothy Purves are the Sysops of the RT.

These people are very responsive to the end user, as we can see by the way they release enhancements and updates on a regular basis. There are patches already available for owners of Avatex modems, so they can use the phone dialer and also one

to correct a minor bug in the calculator.

Which brings me to another point, the calculator. Calculators now are cheap, walk in to any K-Mart and you can pick one up for as little as 97 cents. So why might you ned an eight digit calculator on a computer? Well, that's what John thought, so he provided us with a sixteen digit one, that's right sixteen digits. What's more, it will do arithmetic on HEX values, OCTAL values, BINARY numbers, as well as DECIMAL.

Of course, we all know that a piece of software is never finished, and such is the case with CORNERMAN. Mr. Weaver is working on a way to speed up the square root function of the calculator, and a version of CORNERMAN for the IBM PC running

GEIVI.

So then what else can we expect form Michtron and Factory Programming in the future, Laser printer drivers for the ST, GEM based Mi-Term for the IBM, a sort of CORNERMAN Construction Set. And I hope, lots more.

One last note about CORNERMAN, I like it. And to use John Weaver's own words, "I wrote it because I needed it," and "I use it every day."

Buddy Hammerton

USER HINTS

From the September, 1986 issue of TACE: "The ST version of **PrintMaster** has the best graphics editor out of any of the other versions. One of the nicest features is the "Use Window when Moving" option. However, it has never been fully documented (not even in the revised ST manual). The windowing feature allows you to cut a little part out of a graphic and drag it around to a new

location, or rubber stamp it into many locations. I discovered you can also use it to cut and paste between different graphics!

For my tutorial, I'll use graphics located on the PrintMaster master disk, so everyone with the program can follow along. Ok, first load PrintMaster and go to the graphics editor.

1. Enter ''L'' to load a graphic. Choose the 'By Picture' option when asked to choose a graphic. Go through the pages of choices till you get to the '?' (question mark) graphic and choose it.

2. Now you are back in the graphic editor. Move the cursor so it is at the top left edge of the question mark. Press 'W' (window) and rope off the question mark as closely as possible with the 'rubber band'. Click the mouse button when you have finished. Now move the question mark as far as you can to the right edge and click the button to stamp the image in that position. Next press ESC to get rid of the window. Go clean up any residue left by the old question mark. After that, SAVE this modified graphic on a data disk using CTRL-S.

3. Follow the same procedure to load the '!' (exclamation point). Rope it off with the 'W' feature as closely as possible.

4. Now, without getting rid of the window, use the 'L' option to load the modified version of the question mark. Move the exclamation point into the blank space and click the mouse button to drop it there. Press ESC to get rid of the window and now you have a combined question mark and exclamation point.

Neat, hun? You can use this to integrate the best part of any PrintMaster graphics. It is not as flexible as Clipboard features and it doesn't make the white space invisible when pasting, but, with clever arrangement of the pieces and a little cleanup of the finished image, it can make creating and customizing your graphics a little bit easier.

Donald Lusk

JOYSTICK

NULL

(reprint: Mid Michigan Atari, August, 1986)
Many new owners of the Atari ST have probably come across the problem of transferring files from their old 8-bit Ataris. In most cases, getting the ST to talk to their modem was just a matter of purchasing or building a cable, acquiring a terminal package, and then calling up the local BBS. After the initial thrill of getting the ST up and running they probably started to notice there is still a

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Of course, what about the disk subscription you have to Antic magazine? How the heck are you going to get those ST programs off that 5.25" disk? Do you really have to upload all those files to the local BBS with your 8-bit then call back with your ST and download them back onto the 16-bit machine? Sigh. If only you

had bought the 850 interface. Etc., etc.

Well, here is an easier way to transfer files and you don't need an 850 interface; or two modems; or a friendly SYSOP in order to do it. The solution is using a null modem cable. The cable gives you a very bare-bones RS232 configuration of a signal ground, a receive data, and a transmit data line. In order to make a null modem all one has to do is connect the receive data line from the 8-bit to the transmit data line of the 16-bit. Likewise the transmit data line from the 8-bit is connected to the receive data line on the 16-bit. Signal ground is common to both.

After building the null modem I then used STTERM2 on my ST and Smartterm 5.0 on my 8-bit. I set both terminals to Xmodem protocol, 1200 bps, ASCII, and half duplex. I successfully transferred several test files from one Atari to the other without fail.

The cost for the cable will be all of about \$13, and that is if you buy all your parts new from Radio Shack. If you have an old Atari joystick, you can use the cable from that and save even more.

Parts list: Atari joystick plug and cord — 2761538; length of 3 strand wire; switching diode — 2761122; 4.7k ½ watt resistor — 2718030; 25 pin RS232 female connector — 2761548.— Rick Beetham, National Capital Atari User's Group

FRACTALS

Exploring between dimensions — the outer/inner limits! by Rita Plukss

The Mandelbrot set has been put away for a while, and I have once again returned to where it all started; FRACTALS. Dick Kellett and I have been working on fractals for some time now, and with the recent upsurge of popularity and interest in this area (especially on the ST) I decided to include some of our listings in the magazine.

A fractal is really quite beautiful as well as fascinating. It has a recursive property; the patterns tend to replicate themselves on a smaller and smaller scale. (For information regarding types of fractals I refer you to my articles on Fractals in Logo in the November and December 1985 issues of this magazine.)

A fractal curve is simple, yet infinitely complex — simple because it is made with a simple shape; infinitely complex because this simple shape is repeated many times, at smaller and smaller scales.

The classical mathematicians said that a straight line is considered to have one dimension, a flat plane has two dimensions and a volume of space has three. All very logical and neat. But, the maverick mathematicians challenged that notion and said between the first and second dimensions there was a continuous blending as one dimension blended into the next. This is the fractal area; between the first and second dimension. The term fractal was first coined by Benoit Mandelbrot as he attempted to explain the forms and chances that exist in nature. The term represents something that is irregular, broken, or fragmented, with recursive properties. I will be looking at only nonrandom mathematical fractals. When randomness is included in the fractal equation, the geometric beauty of the nonradom fractals changes to the organic beauty of natural form. The branching of trees, the meandering of streams, the awesome expanse of stars and galaxies throughout the heavens are all natural fractals.

The process of creating a fractal curve begins with a line segment (called an initiator). This line segment is replaced by a simple shape (called a generator), and each line segment in this generating shape is replaced by the same shape but on a smaller and smaller scale (called recursion). In theory, this replacement can continue infinitely, but in practice it can continue only as long as each line segment can be identified and until processing time becomes impractically long. Three to five stages (or levels) are usually good enough, but this will depend on the complexity of the curve itself.

Defining and measuring fractal curves is difficult. A fractal curve, by definition, has an infinite length, but it may surround a finite area. Mathematicians are not comfortable considering a fractal curve as a one dimensional entity, but it plainly is not two dimensional in nature. To solve this problem, the term fractional dimension was created to describe the particular niche between one and two dimensional entities that is occupied by fractal curves.

Fractal curves, therefore, are considered to have a dimensional value between one and two. Roughly, this dimension is a measure of the extent to which the fractal curve "fills" a two dimensional area. A fractal curve with a dimensional value of two completely fills the area (Hilbert and Sierpinski curves are two famous examples of such curves).

The program listings, both in the 8 bit as well as the 16 bit sections of this issue show four types of fractals. Each type has its own peculiarity and fascination.

PROGRAM LISTINGS

1. DRAGON SWEEP (listing for 800 series and ST.) Figures 3. This is a self contacting fractal, one that touches itself, but never crosses itself. It demonstrates in a step by step method how a fractal curve is filled. The generator consists of two line segments of equal length forming a right angle. During each relacement cycle, the generator is substituted for each segment on alternating sides of the segments.

2. SIERPINSKI CURVE Versions 1, 2 and 3 (listings for 800 series. The ST version is in the library, version 1 only.) Figures 2. Version 1 is the straight curve. Run it on various levels, separately, or superimpose one level on another. Version 2 tilts the curve, apart from that the program runs the same way. Version 3 tilts and rounds (humps) the curve. Type in Version 1, then alter the necessary lines for versions 2 and 3.

3. SNOWFLAKE SWEEP (Listing for both 800 series and ST.) Figures 3. This is a self avoiding, self similar fractal. The generator was discovered by Mandelbrot and the resulting figure shows a line wandering around with tortouous complexity. The line is generated by the simple shape in fig 3.1 and it repeats itself with precise self similarity over a wide range of scales. Only the limitations of the screen resolution prevents the wiggles from getting smaller and smaller ad infinitum.

4. LAMBDA (listing for 800 series. The ST has this program in the public domain and is called Fractal1 by Leonard Tramiel.) See the library if you do not have it, or ask to have my listing included in another issue. This area was discovered (explored) by Greg Turk and his listing in Applesoft Basic appears in Byte, September 1984 page 170. Figures 4. A different variety of fractal results from looking at the behaviour of points in the complex plane (those points described by x+yi), where x and y are real numbers and i is the square root of minus one. (Refer to my article on Mandelbrots March 1986 for an explanation of the complex plane.) The equation that this program uses is f(z) = lambda * z * (1-z) where lambda and z are complex numbers. The function takes the point z and moves it to a new point f(z). The complex number lambda is a constant in this equation, and different values of lambda will result in different fractal curves. The program gives you a rough outline of the fractal curve by using the inverse equation. The program asks for the value of the constant lambda and, based on this and an initial value of z, it draws the position of z each time it is put through the function. Try these: lambda = 3,0 (or 3.3,0), or 0,1, or 1,0. There are a whole universe of pictures you can generate depending on what you pick for lambda. When lambda equals two you get a circle.

I do have other fractal curves in the pipeline, all I need is time to get them working properly. I may do a follow up in a few months, by public demand only of course! Until then play around with these, change the number of segments the size of the initiator and other parts of the formula. Next month I hope to have an article put together on another fascinating area — chaotic (or stochastic) evolution. If anyone reading this has a mathematical background and has a few hours/days or months to spare to help me understand any of these areas I am exploring, you know my number! All help graciously accepted!

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10 REN FRACTALS

28 REM DRAGON SHEEP - TOP HAT 30 REM COMPUTE SEPT 85 P86 35 REM ORIG PROG FOR APPLE 48 RFM 58 REM MACE JUNE 1986 **68 REM ****************** 78 DEM 98 DIM 58(98) 188 ? "5" 110 ? "ENTER EVEN NO. OF CYCLES (2 T 120 ? "OR ENTER ZERO TO QUIT": INPUT 138 IF NC=8 THEN END 148 IF INT(NC/2)*2()NC OR NC(2 OR NC)14 THEN 188 158 L=128:FOR C=2 TO NC STEP 2:L=L/2 160 X=77:Y=128:GRAPHICS 8+16:COLOR 1 :SETCOLOR 2,0,0:PLOT X,Y 170 FOR C=0 TO MC:SM(C)=0:MEXT C 188 D=0:FOR C=1 TO MC:IF SM(C-1)=SM(

C) THEN D=D-1:60TO 200

200 IF D=-1 THEN D=7

198 D=D+1

TRAP THE DRAGON BY STAN OCKERS

8-BIT

; * TRAP THE DRAGON * C=GetD(7) C==-48 5.0. 9-86 PROC BUMPIT (CARD SCRIOC) UNTIL C>0 AND C(6 : *********** CARD Lastsc an Sc=Scrloc-1 POSITION(8.8) DEFINE BIK="4", DS="5", YOU="134" Lastsc=Scrad+((Scrloc-Scrad)/40)*4 PRINT(" DIFFICULTY LEVEL = ") INT ARRAY Mbor=[41 40 39 1 1 39 48 4 IF SC(Lastsc THEN RETURN FI Mbrb1k=(5-C)*75+100 IF SCA() BIK THEN RETURN FI FOR J=1 TO Mbrblk DO BYTE Cset, COMSOL=53279, RTCLOK=19 WHILE SCA(>0 DO Offset=Rand(8)*3+40 Offset==+Rand CARD Scrad=88 BYTE POINTER SC IF Sc(Lastsc THEN RETURN FI Sc=Scrad+Offset Sc^=Blk 00 PROC Init() WHILE SC(Scrioc-1 DO RETURN BYTE ARRAY Newchar=[162 178 138 178 5c == 81k 5c==+1 168 170 162 170 4 20 17 16 68 84 20 PROC Delay (BYTE D) SCA=8 BYTE Cntc1k=20, T 8 255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255] DO T=Cntclk+D UNTIL T(256 OF CARD Dlist=\$230.J DO UNTIL COTCLET OF Cset=Peek (106) -4 Poke (186, Cset-1) PROC BUMPT (CARD SCrioc) MoveBlock (Cset*256, \$E000, 1024) CORD Lastsc MoveBlock(Cset*256+32, Newchar, 24) Sc=Scrloc+1 CARD FUNC Move (CARD Scrloc, INT Offs Mbor (4) =-1 Nbor (5) =-39 Nbor (6) =-40 Lastsc=Scrad+((Scrloc-Scrad)/40)*4 , BYTE Shape) Mbor (7) =-41 IF Sc>Lastsc THEN RETURN FI Sc=Scrloc Sc^=0 Sc==+Offset Graphics(0) Poke(712,42) Poke(710, IF 5c^()BIK THEN RETURN FI IF SCA=8 THEN SCA=Shape RETURN(SC) WHILE SCA()8 DO Poke (789, 34) Poke (788, 212) Poke (71 50==+1 ELSE Sc=Scrloc Sc^=Shape RETURN(Sc IF Sc>Lastsc THEN RETURN FI FOR J=Dlist+6 TO dlist+28 DO FI Poke(J,4) WHILE Sc>Scrloc+1 DO Sc^=Blk Sc==-1 PROC BUMPUP (CARD SCrioc) Poke(752,1) Poke(756,Cset) OĐ. CARD Lastsc SCA=0 Lastsc=Scrad+40 Sc=Scrloc-40 DETHON IF SC(Lastsc THEN RETURN FI PROC Bkgnd() IF 5C^()BIK THEN RETURN FI BYTE C, CH=764 BYTE FUNC SURP (CARD SCRIOC, BYTE Test WHILE SCA()0 DO CARD Offset, Mbrb1k=[500], J BYTE J Put (125) IF Sc{Lastsc THEN RETURN FI FOR Offset=0 TO 39 DO FOR J=0 TO 7 DO Sc=Scrad+Offset+40 Sc^=Blk WHILE SC(SCrioc-40 DO Sc=Scrloc+Wbor(J) IF SCA=Test THEN RETURN(1) FI 00 5c^=81k 5c==+40 FOR Offset=79 TO 920 STEP 40 DO 5c^=8 RETURN (8) Sc=Scrad+Offset Sc^=Blk Sc==+1 SCA=Blk RETURN CARD FUNC MOVEL (CARD Uloc) FOR Offset=920 TO 959 DO PROC Bumpdn (CARD Scrioc) IF (Stick(0)&1)=0 THEN Sc=Scrad+Offset Sc^=Blk CORD Lastsc 00 IF STrig(0) THEN Lastsc=Scrad+920 Sc=Scrloc+40 DO IF SC>Lastsc THEN RETURN FI Uloc=Move (Uloc,-40, You) WHILE CH=255 DO IF SCA()BIK THEN RETURN FI ELSE BUMPUP (Uloc) POSITION(8.0) WHILE SCA()0 DO FI IF RTCLOK MOD 2 THEN FI 50==+48 IF (Stick(8)&2)=8 THEM PRINT (" TRAP THE DRAGON IF Sc>Lastsc THEN RETURN FI *** IF STrig(0) THEM Uloc=Move (Uloc, 40, You) WHILE Sc>Scrloc+48 DO PRINT ("SELECT DIFFICULTY [1-5] ELSE Bumpdn (Uloc) 5c4=81k 5c==-48

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50 1=0

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IF (Stick(0)&4)=0 THEN	00	**********
IF STrig(8) THEN	SNDRST ()	* strcat(stri,str2) - copy str2
Uloc=Move(Uloc,-1,You)	DO Position(7,0)	* to the end of stri
ELSE Bumpit(Uloc)	IF RTCLOK MOD 2 THEN	*********
FI	Print("Congratulations! You win!	* get the length of the string
FI	m)	* will return with address in A0
IF (5tick(0)&8)=0 THEN	ELSE	_strcat: bsr _strlen
IF STrig(0) THEN	Print(" Press MARI to play agai	* backup to the 0 at end of string
Uloc=Move (Uloc,1,You)	n")	5ubq.1 #1,a0
ELSE Bumprt(Uloc)	FI THE STATE OF TH	* get address of second string
FI	UNTIL CONSOL=6	Move.1 8(sp),ai
FI	00	* copy the string
RETURN (U1 oc)	RETURN	catlp: move.b (a1)+,(a0)+
	DE LEPT	bne.s catlp
CARD FUNC Movedrag (CARD Scrloc, BYTE	PROC Main()	catend: rts
Shape)	CARD Drag, J, Upos	
BYTE J	Init()	***********
INT Frst	WHILE 1=1 DO	* strcmp(str1,str2) compare strings
J=Rand(8) Sc=Scrloc Sc^=0	Bkqnd()	* by subtracting str2 from
Frst=Nbor(J) Sc==+Frst	DO DO	* str1 and return difference
IF SCA=0 THEN SCA=Shape RETURN(SC)	Prag=Scrad+Rand (255) +80	**************************************
FI	UNTIL Peek (Drag) = 0	* get addresses of the strings
00	OD	_strcmp: move.1 4(sp),a0
J==+1 IF J>7 THEN J=0 FI	DO DO	move.1 8(sp),a1
Sc=Scrloc+Mbor(J)	Upos=Scrad+400+Rand(255)	* get byte from each string
IF SCA=8 THEN SCA=Shape RETURN(S	UNTIL Peek (Upos) = 0	The state of the s
		strcmplp: move.b (a0)+,d0
c) FI	OD	* stop if end of string
UNTIL Mbor(J)=Frst	Poke (Upos, You)	beq.s cmpend
00	DO	* subtract second string char
Sc=Scrloc Sc^=Shape	Drag=Movedrag (Drag, Ds)	sub.b (a1)+,d0
RETURN (Sc)	FOR J=1 TO 2000 DO 0D	* continue if the same
10000 (CF)	Upos=MoveU (Upos)	beq.s strcmplp
PROC Lose()	UNTIL	* else return the difference
BYTE T, J, V	(Surr(Upos,Ds)=1) OR (Surr(Dra	rts
FOR J=150 TO 230 STEP 4 DO	g, 0) = 0)	* we get here is end of str1
FOR V=2 TO 10 STEP 2 DO	00	* subtract str2 and return the diff
Sound(0, J, 10, 12-V) Delay(1)	IF Surr(Upos,Ds)=1 THEN Lose()	cmpend: sub.b (a1),d0
00	ELSE Win ()	rts
00	FI	12.12.002.48
SNDRST()	Poke (77, 8)	*********************
DO Position(7,8)	00	* strcpy(str1,str2) copy str2 to
IF RTCLOK MOD 2 THEN	RETURN	* stri
Print(" Sorry You Lose!		**********
")		* get the addresses
ELSE		_strcpy: move.1 4(sp),a0
Print(" Press MARI to play agai		move.1 8(sp),a1
n")	WALDEN'S ASM	* move until a zero
FI	WALUEND ADM	cpylp: move.b (a1)+,(a8)+
UNTIL CONSOL=6		bne.s cpylp:
00	16-BIT	rts
RETURN		
	* String functions for Alcyon	********
PROC Win ()	A CONTROL OF THE PARTY OF THE P	* strien(str) return the length
BYTE T, J, V	.glob1 _strcat	* of str
FOR J=100 TO 200 STEP 10 DO	.glob1 _strcmp	*********
FOR V=2 TO 10 STEP 2 DO	glob1 _strcpy	* get the address of the string
50UND (0,230-J,10,12-V) DELAY(1	globi _strien	_strien: move.l 4(sp),a0
)		* initialize D0 for DBcc loop
00	, text	moveq #-1,d0 * ini

WALDEN CON'T

tialize length to -1 for loop

* test for zero

lenip: tst.b (a0)+

* adjust D0, stop if end of str

dbeg de, lenlp

* make D0 positive

neg de

* ignore zero at end of string

subq #1,d0

* return address+1 in A0

* return length in D0

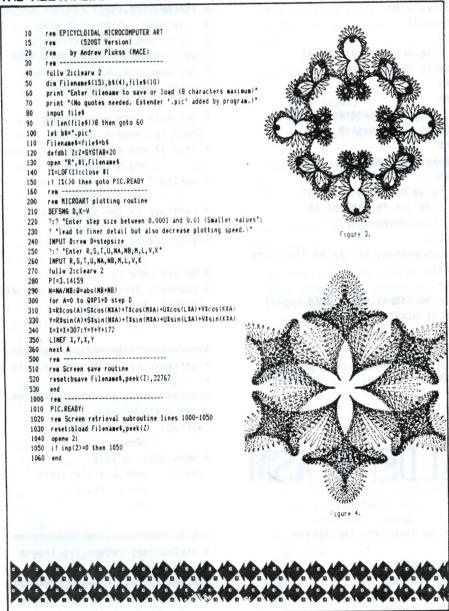
rts

RENEW Now

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THE AUSTRALIAN ATARI GAZETTE





GETTING YOUR 8-BIT ATARI TO TALK TO YOUR ST

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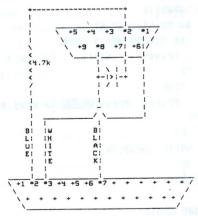
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218 IF D=8 THEN D=8 228 MEXT C 230 IF D=0 THEN X=X+L:60TO 270 240 IF D=2 THEN Y=Y+L:GOTO 278 250 IF D=4 THEN X=X-L:60TO 278 268 Y=Y-L 278 DRAWTO X, Y: SN(NC) = SN(NC) +1 288 FOR C=NC TO 1 STEP -1: IF SN(C) () 7 THEM 300 298 SN(C)=8:SN(C-1)=SN(C-1)+1:NEXT C 300 IF SN(0)=0 THEN 180 328 GOTO 328 1 REM SNOWFLAKE SMEEP - FRACTAL 3 REM MACE JUNE 1986 4 REM ******************* 19 CLR :? "K": SETCOLOR 2,0,0:REM PRO 28 REM ORIGINAL PROGRAM FOR APPLE 30 REM THIS PROGRAM PLOTS A FRACTAL 'SHOWFLAKE SHEEP' 40 ? "WHEN DRAWING IS FINISHED":? :? "PRESS STEER FOR ANOTHER DRAWING.": ? "PRESS FEWERE TO SAVE PICTURE" 50 DIN A\$(1), FILE\$(15), DX(11), DY(11) ,50(6),RD(6),LN(6),SN(4):M=7/6 55 POSITION 2,7:? "ENTER DEVICE FILE NAME TO SAVE PICTURE CENTER C. FOR C ASSETTE)": INPUT FILES: IF FILES="" TH EN 55 60 FOR M=8 TO 6:READ 5,R:SD(M)=5:RD(N)=R:LN(N)=1/3:NEXT N:LN(2)=5QR(LN(1 78 A=8:FOR D=6 TO 11:DX(D)=COS(A):DY (D)=SIN(A) 80 A=A+0.52359879:NEXT D 90 FOR D=8 TO 5: DX(D) =- DX(D+6): DY(D) =-DY (D+6) : NEXT D 188 GRAPHICS 8 118 ? "KENTER NUMBER OF CYCLES (1 -OR ENTER ZERO TO QUIT" 129 INPUT NC 138 IF NC=8 THEN END 140 IF NC>4 THEN 110 150 GRAPHICS 24:COLOR 1:SETCOLOR 2,0 , 0 155 PLOT 0,0:DRANTO 319,0:DRANTO 319 ,191:DRANTO 0,191:DRANTO 0,0 168 X=255:Y=142:TL=162:PLOT X,Y 178 FOR C=0 TO NC:5N(C)=0:NEXT C:D=0 :L=TL:WS=8 180 FOR C=1 TO MC: I=SM(C):L=L*LN(I): J=SN(C-1): WS=NS+SD(J): K=INT(NS/2): IF K*2()NS THEN D=D+12-RD(I):60T0 200 198 D=D+RD(I)

200 IF D>11 THEN D=D-12

210 NEXT C 220 K=X+MML*DX(D):Y=Y-L*DY(D):DRAMTO X.Y:SN(NC)=SN(NC)+1:FOR C=NC TO 1 5 TEP -1: IF SN(C) ()7 THEN 248 238 SM(C)=8:5M(C-1)=5M(C-1)+1:MEXT C 240 POKE 77,0:IF SN(0)=0 THEN D=0:L= TL: N5=0:60T0 188 250 IF PEEK (53279) =6 THEN 18 255 TF PEEK (53279) =5 THEN 300 268 GOTO 258 278 PATA 8,8,1,8,1,7,8,18,8,8,8,8,2,1, 300 CLOSE #1: OPEN #1,8,8,FILE\$ 318 5=PEEK (88) +256*PEEK (89) : TOP=5+76 SA: RS=TOP-5 320 HT=INT (BS/256):L0=B5-(HI*256):P0 KE 858,11:POKE 852, PEEK (88):POKE 853 , PEEK (89) : POKE 856, LO: POKE 857, HI 330 D=USR (ADR ("hhh@LV@"), 16) : CLOSE # 1:50TO 18 1 REM GREG TURK'S FRACTAL INVESTIGAT 2 REM FRACTALS IN THE COMPLEX PLANE 3 REM 4 REM MACE JUNE 1986 5 REM HEREKKERKERKERKERKERKERKERKER 6 RFM 10 ? "\$";? " FRACTALS" 15 ? " REFER BYTE MAGAZINE - SEPTEMB ER 1984":? 28 2 "PRESS MARGIN FOR SCREEN DUMP": ? :? "PRESS SELECT TO ENTER NEW PARA METERS MITHOUT LOSING PICTURE":? 30 ? "SUGGEST X,Y VALUES BETWEEN 8 A NO 5 ANDSCALE BETWEEN 1 AND 10. TRY SCALE OF 5 TO START." 40 ? "THE SMALLER THE SCALE NUMBER T LARGER THE PICTURE":? "TRY X =3. Y=0. SCALE=2":? " X=1. Y=0. 5 CALE=5" X=8, Y=1. SCALE=5":? "PRES S START TO START BEGIN NEW DRAWING" 60 IF PEEK (53279) =6 THEN 80 **78 GOTO 68** 80 IF PEEK (53279) ()7 THEN 80 98 DIM A\$(192) 100 GRAPHICS 8: COLOR 1: SETCOLOR 2,0, A:CX=168:CY=75 110 X=0.50001:Y=0 128 G05UB 438 138 FOR I=1 TO 10:605UB 350:NEXT I 148 GOSUB 518 150 GOSUB 350 168 GOTO 148 11 178 END

THE REM SQUARE ROOT OF X,Y 198 T=Y 288 5=50R (X*X+Y*Y) 210 Y=5QR(AB5((-X+5)/2)) 228 X=5QR(AB5((X+5)/2)) 238 IF TO THEM X=-X 248 RETURN 250 REM FOUR OVER L 268 5=LX*LX+LY*LY 278 LX=4*LX/5 288 LY=-4*LY/5 290 DETHEN 300 REM X, Y TIMES L 310 TX=X:TY=Y 320 X=TX*LX-TY*LY XXA Y=TX*LY+TY*LX 340 RETURN 350 REM FUNCTION OF X,Y 360 GOSUB 300 378 X=1-X 380 GOSUB 180 390 IF RMD(0) (0.5 THEN X=-X:Y=-Y 488 X=1-X 419 X=X/2:Y=Y/2 428 RETURN 430 REM GET VALUES 448 ? "WHAT IS LAMBDA? (X, Y)"; 450 IMPUT LXI,LYI:LX=LXI:LY=LYI 460 GOSUB 250 478 ? "WHAT IS SCALE"; : INPUT SCI:SC= SCI:? :? :? :? 480 POKE 656,0:? "LAMBDA(X/Y): X=";L XI;": ";"Y=";LYI;" ":? "5CALE=";SC I;" 498 5C=2*CX/5C 500 RETURN 510 REM PLOT X,Y 520 XF=INT(SC*(X-0.5)+CX):YF=INT(CY-SC*Y) 538 POKE 752.1: POKE 656,2:? "XF="; XF ;" ","YF=";YF;" " 540 IF XF(0 THEN XF=0 550 IF XF)319 THEN XF=319 568 IF YF(8 THEN YF=8 570 IF YF)159 THEN YF=159 580 PLOT XF, YF 598 IF PEEK (53279) = 3 THEN GOSUB 638 600 IF PEEK (53279) = 5 THEN ? :? :? :P OKE 656,8:60TO 438 610 IF PEEK (53279) =6 THEN 188 628 POKE 77,8:RETURN 630 RESTORE 690:LPRINT CHR\$ (27); CHR\$ (64):LPRINT "LAMBDA(X/Y). X=";LXI;" Y=";LYI:LPRINT "SCALE=";SCI 649 FOR B=1 TO 61:READ N:POKE 1535+B , N: NEXT B: DM=PEEK (88) +PEEK (89) *256: D M=DM+48*159 650 LPRINT CHR\$(27);"3";CHR\$(20):FOR

U=DM TO DM+39

=4\$ 678 WEUSR (1536, V, ADR (A\$)): LPRINT CHR \$ (27); "K"; CHR\$ (160); CHR\$ (0); A\$ 680 NEXT U 698 DATA 184,184,141,21,6,184,141,28 ,6,194,141,27,6,194,141,26,6,169,193 ,173,255,255,136,240,35,141,255,255, 788 DATA 26,6,248,21,173,28,6,56,233 ,48,141,28,6,144,4,24,76,19,6,286,21 ,6,76,19,6,238,27,6,76,33,6,96 710 RETURN

668 A\$=CHR\$(0):A\$(168)=CHR\$(0):A\$(2)

1 REM SIERPINSKI CURVES 2 REM CREATIVE COMPUTING JULY 84 (P15 3 REM SCIENTIC AMERICAN SEPT 1976 5 REM MACE JUNE 1986 6 REM KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK 7 REM 8 DIM ST(188) 9 60588 900 10 GRAPHICS 8+16:SETCOLOR 2,0,0

15 COLOR 1 25 REM

98 GOTO 98

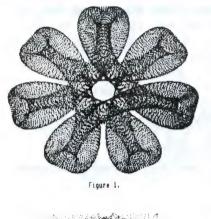
35 REM

48 FOR DI=01 TO 02

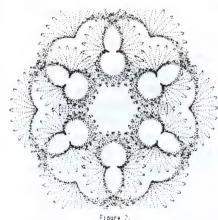
60 GOSUB 100

SO MEXT DT





30 REM SET LEVEL OF CURVE



REFER TO STING SECTION FOR ST PROGRAM ON PAGE 79

R	S	ns to	try out:	NA NA	NB	н		V	K	step size		
	-	1	-									
45	27	6	-13.8	-5	2	-207.5	202.5	0	0	.0005	(figure	1.
56	28	7	6.3	7	1	331	-299	0	0	.0005	(figure	21
47.5	15	15	4	-7	1	13	622	3.5	-588	.0005	(figure	3)
60	24	14.4	13.6	-5	1	379	-365	0	0	.0005	(figure	4
45	30	12	0	-54	1	110	0	0	0	.005		
40	40	0	. 0	7	1	0	0	0	0	. 1		
30	30	0	0	-12	5	0	0	0	0	.025		
40	20	15	0	-8	1	-26	0	0	0	.01		
30	30	-8	0	-3	5	-10.2	0	0	0	.025		

98 6010 98
94 REM
95 REM INITIALIZATION AND MAIN CURVE
96 REM
100 H0=192:SP=0:H=H0/4:X=2*H:Y=3*H:I
=0
110 I=I+1:X=X-H:H=H/2:Y=Y+H
120 IF I(DI THEN 110
130 PS=1:60SUB 600
140 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
150 COSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
160 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800
178 GOSUB 588:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 888
180 60508 700
190 RETURN
195 REM
200 REM SUBROUTINE A
218 IF TP (=8 THEN RETURN
220 PS=TP-1:GOSUB 600
230 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
240 GOSUB 300:A=2*H:B=0:GOSUB 800
250 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
260 GOSUB 200
270 GOSUB 700
280 RETURN
295 REM
300 REM SUBROUTINE B
310 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
328 PS=TP-1:605UB 600
338 EO2RB 388: W=-H:B=-H:EO2RB 888
348 GOSUB 400:A=0:B=-2*H:GOSUB 800
350 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
360 605NB 300
370 GOSUB 700
380 RETURN
395 REM
400 REM SUBROUTINE C
418 IF TP (= 8 THEN RETURN
428 PS=TP-1:GOSUB 688
438 GOSUB 408:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800
448 GOSUB 508:A=-2*H:B=0:GOSUB 800
450 GOSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
468 GOSUB 488
478 GOSUB 788
480 RETURN
495 REM
500 REM SUBROUTINE D
518 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
528 PS=TP-1:605UB 600

530 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800 540 GOSUB 200:A=0:B=2*H:GOSUB 800 550 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800

560 GOSUB 500

570 GOSUB 700

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580 RETURN
                                       80 MEXT DI
580 RETURN
                                                                               595 REM
                                       98 GOTO 98
595 REM
                                                                               600 REM PUSH SUBROUTINE
                                       94 REM
600 REM PUSH SUBROUTINE
                                                                               618 SP=SP+1:ST(SP)=PS
                                       95 REM INITIALIZATION AND MAIN CURVE
618 SP=SP+1:ST(SP)=P5
                                                                               620 TP=P5:RETURN
628 TP=P5:RETURN
                                                                               695 REM
                                       96 RFM
695 REM
                                                                                700 REM POP SUBROUTINE
                                       100 H0=319:SP=0:H=H0/4:X=2*H:Y=3*H:I
700 REM POP SUBROUTINE
                                                                                710 SP=SP-1:TP=ST(SP):RETURN
718 SP=SP-1:TP=ST(SP):RETURN
                                                                                795 REM
                                       110 I=I+1:X=X-H:H=H/2:Y=Y+H
795 REM
                                                                                800 REM PLOT SUBROUTINE
800 REM PLOT SUBROUTINE
                                       115 YP=50R(Y)*7
                                                                                885 X=X+A:Y=Y+B
                                       116 XP=X*(-YP/(1*H0)+1)+YP/2
810 PLOT Y+65, X: DRAWTO Y+65+B, X+A
                                                                                818 YQ=5QR(Y)*7
828 X=X+A:Y=Y+B:RETURN
                                        120 IF I (DI THEN 110
                                                                                812 XQ=X*(-YP/(1*H0)+1)+YP/2
                                        130 PS=I:GOSUB 600
900 REM INSTRUCTION SUBROUTINE
                                                                                815 PLOT 319-XP, 191-(YP*1.5): DRAWTO
                                        149 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
918 ? CHR$ (125)
                                                                                319-XQ,191-(YQ*1.5)
                                        158 GOSUB 388:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 888
915 POSITION 11,0
                                                                                828 XP=XQ:YP=YQ:RETURN
                                        160 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800
920 ? "SIERPINSKI CURVES"
                                                                                900 REM INSTRUCTION SUBROUTINE
                                        170 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
925 ? :? "
              ADAPTED FOR THE ATARI
                                                                                910 ? CHR$(125)
FROM ":? " CREATIVE COMPUTING J
                                        188 GOSUB 700
                                                                                915 POSITION 11,8
                                        198 RETURN
IILY 1984"
                                                                                920 ? "SIERPINSKI CURVES"
                                        195 REM
930 ? :? "FOR A FIRST ORDER CURVE 1
                                                                                925 ? :? "
                                                                                                ADAPTED FOR THE ATA
                                        200 REM SUBROUTINE A
                                                                                RI": ? " FROM CREATIVE COMPUTING JULY
940 ? :? "FOR A SECOND ORDER CURVE 2
                                        210 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
                                                                                 1984"
                                        228 P5=TP-1:605UB 688
                                                                                930 ? :? "FOR A FIRST ORDER CURVE EN
                                        238 GOSUB 208:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
958 ? :? "FOR A THIRD ORDER CURVE 3
                                                                                TER 1,1"
                                        248 GOSUB 388:A=2*H:B=8:GOSUB 888
, 3"
                                                                                940 ? :? "FOR A SECOND ORDER CURVE E
                                        258 GOSUB 508: A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
955 ? :? "FOR A FOURTH ORDER CURVE 4
                                                                                MTER 2,2"
                                        260 GOSUB 200
                                                                                950 ? :? "FOR A THIRD ORDER CURVE EN
                                        270 GOSUB 700
960 ? :? "FOR A FIFTH ORDER CURVE 5
                                                                                TER 3,3"
                                        280 RETURN
                                                                                955 ? :? "FOR A FOURTH ORDER CURVE E
                                        295 REM
965 ? :? " FOR SUPERMIPOSED CURVES E
                                                                                NTER 4,4"
                                        300 REM SUBROUTINE B
NTER THE LOWEST ORDER FIRST"
                                                                                968 ? :? "FOR A FIFTH ORDER CURVE EN
998 TRAP 998:POSITION 16,21:? "
                                        310 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
                                                                                TER 5,5"
                                        320 PS=TP-1:605UB 600
                                                                                965 ? :? "FOR OVERLAYED CURVES ENTER
1000 POSITION 2,20:? "ENTER THE FIRS
                                        330 GOSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
                                                                                            ORDER FIRST ":? :? "ORDE
                                        348 GOSUB 488:A=8:B=-2*H:GOSUB 888
T AND LAST ORDER CURVE TO BE PLOTTE
                                                                                R MIST BE BETWEEN 1 AND 5 INC"
                                        350 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
P"::IMPUT 01,02
                                                                                 999 TRAP 999: POSITION 7,21:? "
                                        368 60588 388
1885 IF 01(1 OR 01)5 OR 02(1 OR 02)5
                                        370 GOSUB 700
 OR 01>02 THEN 998
                                                                                1000 POSITION 2,19:? "ENTER THEN FIR
                                        380 RETURN
1010 TRAP 48800: RETURN
                                                                                 ST AND LAST ORDER CURVE TO BE PLOTTE
                                        395 REM
                                                                                 D. ENTER THE LOWEST ORDER FIRST";
                                        400 REM SUBROUTINE C
1 REM SIERPINSKI GURVE - TILTED
                                                                                 1001 INPUT 01,02
                                        418 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
                                                                                 1882 IF 01(1 OR 01)5 OR 02(1 OR 02)5
2 REM CREATIVE COMPUTING JULY 84 (P15
                                        428 P5=TP-1:605UB 688
                                                                                  OR 01>02 THEN 999
                                        439 GOSUB 488:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 888
                                                                                 1010 TRAP 40000: RETURN
3 REM SCIENTIC AMERICAN SEPT 1976
                                        440 GOSUB 500:A=-2*H:B=0:GOSUB 800
                                        458 GOSUB 388:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 888
                                                                                1 REM STERPINSKI CURVE - ROUNDED
 5 REM MACE JUNE 1986
                                        460 GOSUB 400
                                                                                 2 REM CREATIVE COMPUTING JULY 84 (P15
 6 REM <del>KKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKKK</del>
                                        478 GOSUB 788
                                        480 RETURN
                                                                                 3 REM SCIENTIC AMERICAN SEPT 1976
 7 REM
                                        495 REM
                                                                                 4 REM
 8 GOSUB 988
                                        500 REM SUBROUTINE D
                                                                                 5 REM MACE JUNE 1986
 9 DIM ST(100)
                                        510 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
                                                                                 6 REM ******************
 10 GRAPHICS 8+16: SETCOLOR 2,0,0
                                        520 P5=TP-1:G05UB 600
 15 COLOR 1
                                        530 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
                                                                                 7 REM
 25 REM
                                        549 GOSUB 200:A=0:B=2*H:GOSUB 800
                                                                                 8 GOSUB 900
 30 REM SET LEVEL OF CURVE
                                        550 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800
                                                                                 9 PIM ST(100)
 35 REM
                                        560 GOSUB 500
                                                                                 18 GRAPHICS 8+16:SETCOLOR 2,8,8
 40 FOR DI=01 TO 02
                                        570 GOSUB 700
                                                                                 15 COLOR 1
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60 GOSUB 100

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25 DEM
30 REM SET LEVEL OF CURVE
35 REM
48 FOR DI=01 TO 02
60 G05UB 100
AR MEKT BT
98 GOTO 98
94 DEM
95 REM INITIALIZATION AND MAIN CURVE
96 REM
100 H0=319:5P=0:H=H0/4:X=2*H:Y=3*H:I
=8
110 I=I+1:X=X-H:H=H/2:Y=Y+H
115 YP=508(Y)*7
116 XP=X*(-Y/(2*H8)+1)+Y/4
128 IF I (DI THEN 118
130 PS=I:605UB 600
140 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
150 GOSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
160 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800
170 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
180 GOSUB 700
190 RETURN
195 REM
200 REM SUBROUTINE A
218 IF TP (=8 THEM RETURN
228 P5=TP-1:605UB 600
238 GOSUB 288:A=N:B=-H:GOSUB 888
240 GOSUB 300:A=2*H:B=0:GOSUB 800
250 GOSUB 500: A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800
269 GOSUB 200
278 60588 788
788 DETURM
295 REM
300 REM SUBROUTINE B
310 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
378 PS=TP-1:605UB 688
330 GOSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
340 GOSUB 400:A=0:B=-2*H:GOSUB 800
350 GOSUB 200:A=H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
368 60508 388
378 GOSUB 788
380 RETURN
395 RFM
400 REM SUBROUTINE C
418 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
420 PS=TP-1:60SUB 600
438 GOSUB 488:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 888
448 GOSUB 588:A=-2*H:B=8:GOSUB 888
450 GOSUB 300:A=-H:B=-H:GOSUB 800
468 COSHR 488
470 GOSUB 700
489 DETURM
495 REM
500 REM SUBROUTINE D
510 IF TP (=0 THEN RETURN
520 PS=TP-1:GOSUB 600
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530 GOSUB 500:A=H:B=H:GOSUB 800

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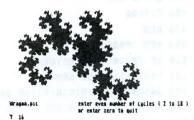
ST PROGRAMS



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List of \DRAGON1.BAS
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                MACE June 1986
            ' dragon sweep - Fractal geometry of nature - Mandelbrot page 68 (Peano curve)
    20
              also see compute sept 85 p86 (for apple)
    30
    40
              rita
    50
            ' set up screensave and retrieval routines
    70
    80
            fullw 2: clearw 2
    90
            dim filename$(15),b$(4),file$(10)
            ?"enter name of screen to SAVE or LOAD - max 8 char."
input "no quotes required. PIC extender added by program ";fil
    100
    110
eŝ
    120
            let bs=".pic"
    130
            filename$=file$+b$
defdbl P:P=SYSTAB+20
    140
    150
            open "R", #1, filename$ i%=lof(1)
    160
    170
    180
    190
            if i%<>0 then goto pic.ready
    200
    210
            PROGRAM
    220
    230
            dim sn(90)
    240
            fullw 2: clearw 2
            ?filename$;
    250
    260
                                enter even number of cycles ( 2 to 18 )
or enter zero to quit ":input nc
            if nc=0 then end
    280
            if int(nc/2)*2<>nc or nc<2 or nc>18 then 240
' m determines the length of the line
m=228:for c= 2 to nc step 2:m=m/2:next c
for c = 0 to nc:sn(c)=0:next c
    290
    300
    310
    330
            'd gives generator shape
            d=0:for c=1 to nc:if sn(c-1)=sn(c) then d=d-1:goto 360
    350
            d=d+1
            if d=-1 then d=7
    360
            if d=8 then d=0
    380
    390
            if d=0 then x1=x+m:goto 430
    400
            if d=2 then y1=y+m:goto 430
    410
            If d=4 then x1=x-m:goto 430
    420
            y1=y-m
            linef x+100 ,y+200 ,x1+100,y1+200 :sn(nc)=sn(nc)+1
    430
    440
            x = x1: y = y1
            for c=nc to 1 step -1:if sn(c) <> 2 then 470 sn(c)=0:sn(c-1)=sn(c-1)+1:next c
    450
    460
            if sn(0)=0 then 340
                   480
                   490
                           ' screensave routine
                   500
                   510
                           reset:bsave filename$, peek (P), 32767
                   520
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490 'screensave routine
500 '----510 reset:bsave filename\$,peek (P),3276'
520 END
530 '----550 'screenload routine
550 pic.ready:
570 reset:bload filename\$,peek(P)
580 openw 2:
590 if lnp(2)=0 then 590
600 end

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540 GOSUB 200: A=0: B=2*H: GOSUB 800 550 GOSUB 400:A=-H:B=H:GOSUB 800 568 GOSUB 588 578 GOSUB 788 588 RETURN 595 REM 600 REM PUSH SUBROUTINE 610 SP=SP+1:ST(SP)=PS 620 TP=PS:RETURN 695 REM 700 REM POP SUBROUTINE 710 SP=SP-1:TP=ST(SP):RETURN 800 REM PLOT SUBROUTINE 895 X=X+A:Y=Y+B 818 Y0=50R(Y)*7 812 XQ=X*(-Y/(2*H8)+1)+Y/4 815 PLOT 319-XP, 191-(YP*1.5): DRAWTO 319-XQ,191-(YQ*1.5) 820 XP=XQ:YP=YQ:RETURM 900 REM INSTRUCTION SUBROUTINE 910 ? CHR\$ (125) 915 POSITION 11,0 920 ? "SIERPINSKI CURVES" ADAPTED FOR THE ATARI 925 ? :? " FROM":? " CREATIVE COMPUTING JU 1Y 1984" 930 ? :? "FOR A FIRST ORDER CURVE EN 940 ? :? "FOR A SECOND ORDER CURVE E NTER 2,2" 950 ? :? "FOR A THIRD ORDER CURVE EN TER 3,3" 955 ? :? "FOR A FOURTH ORDER CURVE E NTER 4,4" 968 ? :? "FOR A FIFTH ORDER CURVE EN TER 5,5" 965 ? :? "FOR OVERLAYED CURVES ENTER ORDER FIRST ":? :? "ORDE R MIST BE BETWEEN 1 AND 5 INC" 999 TRAP 999: POSITION 7,21:? " 1808 POSITION 2,19:? "ENTER THEN FIR ST AND LAST ORDER CURVE TO BE PLOTTE D. ENTER THE LOWEST ORDER FIRST"; 1001 IMPUT 01,02 1982 IF 01(1 OR 01)5 OR 02(1 OR 02)5 OR 01>02 THEN 999 1818 TRAP 48888: RETURN

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' MACE June 1986
            SNOWFLAKE SWEEP
  10
            Mandelbrot - Fractal geometry of nature
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            also compute! sept 85 (for apple)
            rita
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   50
            setup screen save & retrieval routines
   60
   70
          fullw 2:clearw 2:color 1,1,1,1
   80
          dim filename$(15), b$(4), file$(10)
          ?"enter name of screen to SAVE or LOAD - max of 8 characters" input "no quotes needed. PIC extender added by program ";file$
   100
   110
          if len(file$)>8 then 100
   120
          let b$=".pic"
   130
          filename$=file$+b$
   140
          defdbl P:P=SYSTAB+20
   150
          open "R",#1,filename$
i%=lof(1)
   160
   170
   180
          close 1
          if i%<>0 then goto pic.ready
   190
   200
   210
          ' PROGRAM
   220
          DIM DX(11),DY(11),SD(6),RD(6),LN(6),SN(4)
   221
   225
          FOR N=0 to 6:READ S,R: SD(N)=S:RD(N)=R:LN(N)=1/3:NEXT N:LN(2)=S
   230
OR(LN(1)
   235
          FOR D=6 TO 11:DX(D)=COS(A):DY(D)=SIN(A)
   240
           A=A+0.52359879 :NEXT D
   250
          FOR D=0 TO 5:DX(D)=-DX(D+6):DY(D)=-DY(D+6):NEXT D
FULLW 2: CLEARW 2: COLOR 1,1,1,1,1
7"ENTER NUMBER OF CYCLES 1-4 OR ZERO TO QUIT ";:INPUT NC
   260
   270
   280
           IF NC=0 THEN END
   290
           IF NC>4 THEN 280
    300
           X=400:Y=200:TL=162:LINEF X,Y,X,Y
    310
          FOR C=0 TO NC:SN(C)=0:NEXT C:D=0:L=TL:NS=0
FOR C=1 TO NC:I=SN(C):L=L*LN(I):J=SN(C-1):NS=NS+SD(J)
    320
    330
           K=INT(NS/2):IF K*2<>NS THEN D=D+12-RD(I):GOTO 360
    340
           D=D+RD(I)
    350
           IF D>11 THEN D=D-12
    360
    370
           X2=X+M*L*DX(D):Y2=Y-L*DY(D):LINEF X,Y,X2,Y2
    380
    385
           X=X2:Y=Y2
           SN(NC)=SN(NC)+1
    390
           FOR C=NC TO 1 STEP -1: IF SN(C) <> 7 THEN 420
    400
           SN(C)=0: SN(C-1)=SN(C-1)+1: NEXT C
    410
           IF SN(0)=0 THEN D=0: L=TL:NS=0: GOTO 330
DATA 0,0,1,0,1,7,0,10,0,0,0,2,1,2
    420
    430
                   screen save routine
    1000
           reset:bsave filename$, peek(P), 32767
    1010
    1020
           END
                -- screen load routine -----
    1030
           pic.ready:
    1040
           reset :bload filename$, peek(P)
    1050
           openw 2:
    1060
           if inp(2)=0 then 1070
    1070
           end
    1080
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BBS NEWS

This has been a rough month for the BBS. 5 hours after I left for a 10 day vacation, the hard disk crashed leaving the BBS dead. Shortly after I got back, lightening blew up a transformer leaving us without power for a day. When I finally got power again, I found the surge had killed the phone line and that took another day. By the time you read this, I should have a new ROM for the hard disk which I hope will eliminate the occasional problem I have with the BBS.

If you've called other boards, you'll know that the ACE BBS is extremely unusual in that there is no requirement whatsoever to upload files. As a service to you, ACE is paying for me to use PC Pursuit to exchange files with other boards — that leaves you free to download to your heart's content with no concern about not uploading! Besides, we have one of the largest collections of public domain files in the country. You might be hard pressed to find a file we don't already have!

ST files tend to be quite large even when squeezed. In order to keep our ST guests from tying up the board, I'm more stringent about requiring you to be an ACE member to download the lengthier ST files. If you have ACE membership, you'll find several hundred ST files just waiting for you to download.

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